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1.a. Six AA guns of 50 to 60 mm caliber were observed to be
emplaced near the Johanngeorgenstadt (N 51/K 51) - Steinbach
(N 51/K 83) road on 13 December 1949.

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b. Other AA gun emplacements were located near Aue (N 51/K 53),
Sosa (N 51/K 42), Eibenstock (N 51/K 42), Schneeberg (N 51/K 43),
and Oberschlema (N 51/K 43).

2. Light AA batteries were observed to form a circle around the heavy AA batteries in the Schneberg-Oberschlema area. While the heavy batteries were in concrete emplacements, the light batteries had only mounds of protective earth erected around them.
3. It was learned in early January 1950 that seven AA batteries, each of four 75-mm guns, had been emplaced in the Breitenbrunn (N 51/K 52) - Beustaedtel-Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) area in the Fall of 1949. Most of the construction work was done by Soviet troops.

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Comment:

a. A previous report already indicated that the ? No. (6th Gds?) AAA Div of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG), transferred from Fuerstenwalde to the Chemnitz-Aue-Johanngeorgenstadt area in the Fall of 1949, was not only stationed in the latter area but had its guns moved into newly constructed emplacements. *

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b. It is believed that the AA gun emplacements were constructed in an effort to protect installations in the uranium mining area, and not to serve training purposes of AAA units.

c. No useful information is available on the number, caliber and type of the emplaced guns and on the employment of radar sets, primarily because the entire uranium mining area is very effectively cordoned off.

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